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The Philadelphia Area Consumer Price Index rises 7.3% from December 1989 to December 1990, compared to a national rise of 6.1%.

The Commerce Department reports 1990 housing starts dip to their lowest levels since 1982, dropping 13.3% from the previous year.

Recessionary times plague the auto industry as the Big Three automakers begin 1991 with heavy losses.

State revenue projections for the current fiscal year and FY '92 continue to fall, prompting Delaware lawmakers to decide on further spending cuts and new ways to raise money.

Sparks fly as New Castle County Council gives the go-ahead for a controversial $200 million mall on the site of the former Brandywine Raceway.

Developers and City officials temporarily shelve plans for a proposed $68 million waterfront marketplace in downtown Wilmington.

Delmarva Power and Light donates 340 acres of land at Port Mahon for use as a wildlife preserve.

Sussex County Council develops a land-use plan to control development and preserve wetlands in Southern Delaware.

The Delaware Department of Labor releases the 2nd edition of the *Delaware Career Compass*, a highly successful career planning guide for students and job seekers throughout Delaware.

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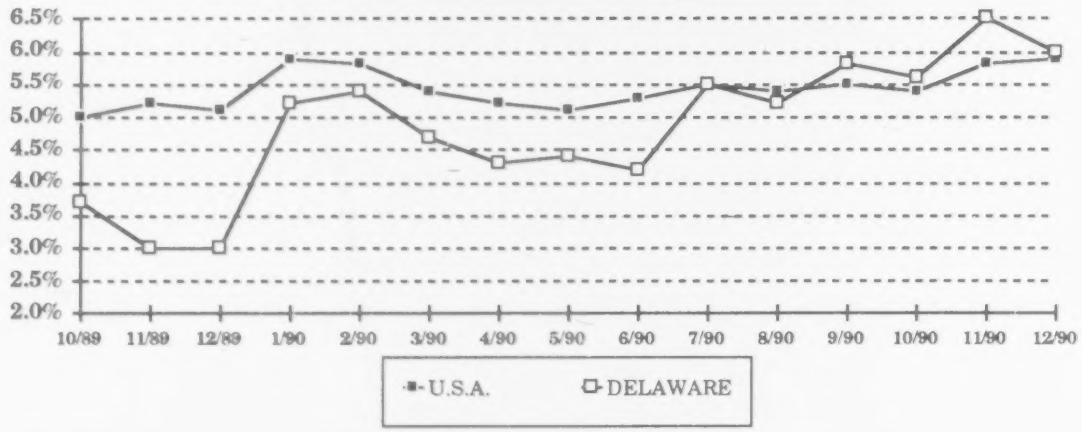
LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS (TABLE 1: see page 10)

Delaware's unemployment rate for the fourth quarter of 1989 took a roller coaster ride, ending the period at 6.0% in December after a low of 5.6% in October and a yearly high of 6.5% in November. After maintaining one of the lowest unemployment rates nationally for the past couple of years, Delaware's jobless rate averaged 5.1% in 1990, ranking the First State 19th. Nationally, the unemployment rate averaged 5.7%, during the fourth quarter and 5.5% for the year. The quarterly average unemployment rate for the neighboring region of Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, and New York was 5.5%.

USA and Delaware Unemployment Rates
October 1989-December 1990



NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (TABLES 2 and 2A: see pages 11 & 12)

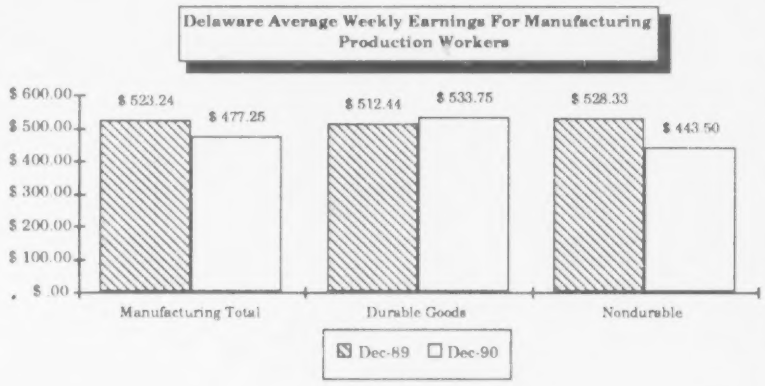
Total State nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased in October compared to September figures due to modest gains in such areas as Manufacturing; and Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate. Over the quarter, total employment decreased from 347,500 in October to 344,900 in December. Drops in Contract Construction; Manufacturing; and Services contributed to this decline.

Since December of 1989, employment has decreased by 4,900 jobs, primarily due to temporary layoffs in the auto industry. Gains were made in Transportation and Public Utilities; Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate; and Services.

The Wilmington Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA), with average quarterly employment of 298,900, saw gains and losses similar to those experienced statewide.

HOURS AND EARNINGS (TABLE 3; see page 13)

Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers in Delaware decreased from October to December ($498.56-$477.25). This fourth-quarter decline is attributed to drops in Nondurables such as Food and Kindred Products; Textile and Apparel; Paper, Printing, and Publishing; and Chemicals. From December 1989-December 1990, average weekly earnings for manufacturing production workers dropped 8.8%. Weekly hours for the quarter averaged 41.2 hours, marginally lower than year-earlier figures. Hourly wages were slightly lower during the quarter compared to the same three-month period a year ago.



Wilmington Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA) weekly earnings for the quarter averaged $596.26 compared to $649.31 for the same quarter a year ago. Weekly hours for the quarter averaged 42.4 hours, compared to 1989 fourth-quarter figures of 43.2. Hourly earnings were slightly lower compared to the same period a year ago.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI) (TABLES 4 & 5; see pages 14 & 15)

Total weeks of regular UI benefits compensated during the fourth quarter of 1990 totaled 67,746 with benefits totaling $11,872,693. The average weekly payment for UI regular unemployment rose steadily throughout the quarter to $195. Continued claim counts registered 74,800, compared to 54,900 during the fourth quarter of 1989. This jump in claims can be credited, in part, to a softening of the economy as well as temporary layoffs in the auto industry.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (TABLE 6 ; see page 15)

The Philadelphia Area Consumer Price Index rose slightly during the fourth quarter, finishing the period at 139.4 in December. The quarterly increase is due, in part, to sector growth in Food and Beverages; Housing; Transportation; Medical; and Entertainment. Nationally, the December index registered minimal quarterly growth at 133.8 for a year-to-date change of 6.1 percent.

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

Experts estimate that the real **Gross National Product** will continue to decline during the first quarter, despite indications the economy isn't as weak in certain key sectors as previously thought. The government's **measure of the country's output of goods and services** dipped at a 2% annual rate in the fourth quarter, rather than 2.1% as was originally reported in December. The Commerce Department says the trade deficit narrowed more than originally anticipated while business purchases of heavy equipment rose.

December's slight rise in the **Index of Leading Economic Indicators** has given some analysts hope that the recession could be over by mid-year. The Government's **barometer of future economic activity** saw a slight 0.1% rise in December, its first increase in six months. November's index dropped 1.1%, while October's declined 1.2 percent.

The U.S. Labor Department reports that prices charged by producers of goods slipped 0.1% in January after a seesaw fourth quarter. The **Producer Price Index** dropped 0.6% in December after posting a 0.1% gain in November and 1.5% jump in October. For 1990, producer prices rose 5.6%, their biggest jump since 1981. Analysts say drops in December and January were due to lower energy prices related to the Middle East crisis.

Experts are concerned about a continued drop in **industrial production** throughout the U.S. In January, industrial production levels fell 0.4%, while December saw a 1.1% downfall. Early fourth quarter figures weren't too promising as November production levels fell 1.8% and October numbers dipped 0.7 percent. Despite the fourth quarter downslide, analysts believe the declines are shrinking, signaling possible relief in the near future.

Housing starts in 1990 dropped to their lowest level since 1982. The **Commerce Department** reports housing starts dropped 13.3% last year compared to the previous year, primarily due to what economists call "war jitters and tight-fisted bankers." Housing starts in December fell 12% after a 9.3% upturn in November and 6% drop in October. December's figures were the lowest since 1982 and the first time in eight years they fell below one million for a month.

The new year hasn't been good to the **Big Three automakers** as sales by **General Motors, Ford**, and **Chrysler** dropped 29.9% during January. Sales of Japanese cars fell 18.8% during the same period. Chrysler took the biggest hit during the month as sales of its cars and trucks dropped 35.1%. Ford came in a close second with a 31.8% drop in sales, while General Motors saw a 26.2% sales skid. News from 1990 wasn't much better as the Big Three saw combined sales for the year drop 6.8%. Car sales, including those imported by the Big Three, drop 7.9% in 1990 while truck sales dipped 5 percent.

The **Christmas season** wasn't too joyous for many of the nation's retailers as **retail sales** fell well below expectations. Kenneth Macke of Dayton Hudson Corporation says Christmas was a sign that consumer confidence was as low as he'd seen it in 20 years, leaving little optimism for the first half of this year. Retail sales fell 0.4% in December, following a 0.1% drop in November, and a modest 0.1% gain in October. Excluding gasoline sales, retail sales fell 0.1% in October.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

The Boeing Corporation anticipates 300 new jobs at its Ridley Township, Pennsylvania helicopter facility to produce wing parts for the company's new 777 commercial airplane. Boeing has also signed a $250 million contract to upgrade the British Royal Air Force's fleet of Chinook helicopters. These two contracts are significant since the aerospace industry has been laying off people in droves. Boeing's 6,150 local employees are expected to keep their jobs.

In January, the **Roy F. Weston Company** of West Chester, Pennsylvania was awarded a **two-year, $4 million contract** to produce a combined environmental impact statement and report for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory of California.

Delaware and Pennsylvania transportation officials are discussing a plan to develop regular **bus service** between **Wilmington** and **West Chester**. This idea was discussed about two years ago, but died due to lack of interest. Mark McNulty of the Delaware Transportation Authority says current development and traffic problems along Route 202 make bus service a natural for the area. Under a tentative plan, the bus service would run every half hour during rush-hour and hourly during midday. Public hearings are scheduled on the plan.

STATE DEVELOPMENTS

State leaders are figuring out ways to come up with the money needed to cover projected revenue shortfalls for this fiscal year as well as FY '92. **Revenue projections** released in mid-March show another $24.3 million drop in state revenues for the current budget year as well as a $35.1 million drop for fiscal 1992 forecasts. Members of the **Delaware Economic and Financial Advisory Committee** say drops in corporate income tax and franchise tax collections are the primary culprits for the revenue shortfalls. House Minority Leader Orlando George says money from the State's $64 million rainy day fund will have to be used to cover the shortfall. Other revenue enhancing options brought to the table include raising taxes and the laying off of state workers.

Efforts to bring a **Class A minor league baseball** team to Delaware have been hampered a bit by Delaware Technical and Community College's (DTCC) rejection of a plan to use the school's Stanton site for a **multi-purpose stadium**. In February, DTCC's Board of Trustees voted to reject the stadium plan which was to also include three 200,000-square-foot office buildings. Officials are now looking at downtown **Wilmington** as the possible site for the proposed $9 million stadium. Last fall, developer Joseph Grace Jr. announced plans to bring the "Blue Rocks" to Delaware in April of 1992.

In October the **DuPont** Company announced plans to sell its interest in an optical disc joint venture with **Philips of the Netherlands**. Philips will buy DuPont's interest in the venture which produces optical discs for the information and entertainment industries.

Also in October, **DuPont** signed an agreement with **Merck & Co.** to form the DuPont Merck Pharmaceutical Company. DuPont will contribute its pharmaceutical and radiopharmaceutical imaging agents business to the venture while Merck will provide research and development, marketing rights to several of its prescription medicines, and cash. First year sales are estimated at **$700 million**.

The effect of **slowing car sales** nationwide has hit the First State. According to the Delaware **Division of Motor Vehicles**, 1990 statewide car sales fell 10% below 1989 figures. The news was somewhat better in December as sales were only down 4.5% over December 1989 numbers. Sussex County was hardest hit during the month, with sales down 7.4 percent. New Castle County saw a 5% dip, while Kent County saw a sales increase of 11 cars.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY DEVELOPMENTS

February saw one of the most controversial votes in **New Castle County Council** history as the seven-member council voted 4-3 to approve the $200 million, 1.1 million-square-foot **Brandywine Town Center** Mall to be built on the site of the former Brandywine Raceway. Council President Phil Cloutier predicts a **traffic "catastrophe"** on Concord Pike once con-

struction of the mall is complete. Also approved was a 166,000-square-foot shopping center on the Woodlawn Trustees property across from the Concord Mall.

In October **Widener University** announced the shutdown of undergraduate programs at its Brandywine campus on Concord Pike. The school wants to convert the site into a **"first-of-its-kind" law center**. University officials say current sophomores will graduate as scheduled in May and freshmen will be transferred to the school's main campus in Chester next fall. Under this new plan, the school will expand its adult education program as well as spend $1 million converting campus buildings into the new law center which will bring together law students of all disciplines.

Hercules, Inc. agreed in October to sell units of its Hercules Aircraft and Electronics group to B. F. Goodrich Company for $176 million in cash. Company officials say the move is part of Hercules' long-range plan to focus future business growth on advanced materials and food ingredients and to balance the contribution of core corporate units, including aerospace.

New Castle County is planning to build a 27-acre, $1.1 million park for the growing Bear/Christiana area. The park will be located between Summer Hill and Salem Woods, near Old Baltimore Pike and Walther Road. When finished in four years, the park will serve about 30,000 area residents and include tennis courts, basketball courts, a soccer/football field, a picnic pavilion, and a 198-space parking lot.

The **University of Delaware's College of Agricultural Sciences** has a new dairy nutrition research building that school officials say will help **dairies** in the region become more profitable and competitive. The building, which opened in November, is funded by ICI Americas and will allow for more precise nutritional studies and more information about feeding systems and feed additives.

By the middle of this year, **Delaware's largest movie theater complex** will open at **First State Plaza**. In November, Cinemark, USA, Inc. announced plans to build a 10-screen complex, seating between 200 and 500 moviegoers. The 30,000-square-foot complex will be added to the south end of the shopping center. An earlier plan by Rand Theaters of Little Rock, Arkansas to build theaters at First State Plaza fell through when the company ran into financial difficulty.

What was to be the "Crown Jewel" of the Christina Gateway in Wilmington is now a dream on hold. Developers of the proposed **Towerside Market place** have delayed construction indefinitely due to the downturn in downtown leasing activity. The proposed **$68-million, 54-store center** is already two years behind schedule mainly because of its inability to attract tenants. The city has commitments from 35 retailers, but no signed contracts. Towerside was to be built at Martin Luther King Boulevard between King and French Streets and include a 100,000 square-foot plaza for shops and restaurants, a 400-car underground garage, and two 10-story buildings for a hotel and offices.

Columbia Gas System plans to spend an estimated **$600 million** this year on "aggressive" market growth, oil and gas exploration, and development activities. The company's board of directors approved the expenditures in late December.

KENT COUNTY DEVELOPMENTS

The Delaware State Housing Authority is providing close to $3 million in loans to finance **Commerce Square**, a complex of 80 low-income family housing units in Smyrna. The complex will include 60 two-bedroom townhouses and 20 three-bedroom duplexes. Wilmington-based housing developer Leon Weiner and Associates, Inc. will own the project.

In October, Milford city officials unveiled plans for a new **$1.2 million Milford public library**. Officials say the library, which will be built on the municipal parking lot at the corner of Southeast Front and South Washington Streets, will help revitalize Milford's downtown area.

Delmarva Power and Light Company has donated more than 340 acres of bay front at Port Mahon to **The Nature Conservancy** for use as a wildlife preserve. The land is part of one of the Atlantic Coast's primary feeding sites for migrating shorebirds as they travel form South America to the Arctic in the spring.

The **Kent County AeroPark** in Dover has secured its first major tenant. **Discover Card Services, Inc.,** a business unit of Dean Witter Financial Services Group, plans to hire 120 people for jobs in the company's payment processing office at the park.

Two years and $5 million later, **Delaware Technical and Community College's Terry Campus** has a new **Science and Engineering Technology Center**. The 45,000-square-foot facility houses a computer-aided drafting laboratory, a mathematics laboratory, a robotics laboratory, and a flight simulator room with two single-engine ground simulators where students can learn to fly without getting into an airplane.

SUSSEX COUNTY DEVELOPMENTS

Construction is under way on the final phase of the factory outlet center in **Rehoboth Beach**. The final phase, known as **"Ocean Outlets Seaside,"** will include 84,000 square feet of designer factory stores. Opening is scheduled for May.

Ninety-five people lost their jobs in October when the **North American Housing Corporation**, a modular home manufacturer, closed its doors after six years in the Sussex County Industrial Park.

A Lincoln, Delaware developer has been awarded a **$3.6 million contract** to build a 60-unit affordable housing community in Laurel. **"Wexford Village"** will consist of 48 rental units and 12 for-sale homes. Currently the site is known as Big Mills Run Trailer Park, but aging trailers will be removed and families relocated to make way for the new housing units.

Sussex County Council has adopted a land-use plan calling for bigger home lots, more wetlands protection, and greater freedom to install mobile homes. The **Western Sussex Land Use Plan**, adopted in December, advocates prohibiting strip development along major roads, concentrating major development around incorporated towns, and invalidating development plans that win county approval but aren't implemented properly.

SPECIAL INTEREST ARTICLE

The ***Delaware Career Compass*** is back and better than ever! On February 13th, the Delaware Department of Labor released the 2nd edition of the ***Compass***, a highly successful career planning guide for students and job seekers throughout the State.

The ***Delaware Career Compass*** includes features on Vocational Education, Delaware's future job outlook and workforce readiness, and practical advice on all aspects of career decisionmaking.

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JOB SERVICE OFFICE RECENT APPLICANTS

Check the following mini-resumes for a match with your company's personnel needs. *

Occupation desired	# of Years Exper.	Other Experience	# of Years Other Exper.	Education (Highest Grade Completed)	Hours Desired / Annual Income Desired	Relocate? / Location of *Applicant
BUILDING MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	3	SHIPPING & RECVNG. CLERK	5	14	FULL - TIME / $15 K	NO / NEW CASTLE CO
EMPLOYMENT INTERVIEWER	1	OFFICE MANAGER	10	16; SOME MBA WORK	FULL TIME / $20K	NO / NEW CASTLE CO
WAREHOUSE SUPERVISOR	10	ADM. ASST.	3	16	FULL TIME / $20K	YES / N. CASTLE AREA
ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT	5			12; SOME COMPUTER COURSES	FULL TIME / $20K	YES / BEAR
ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK	20			12; SOME POSTSEC-ONDARY	FULL TIME / $15K	YES / DOVER.
STATISTICAL DATA BASE SPECIALIST	10			MASTERS DEGREE, EDUCA-TION	FULL TIME / $25K	NO / KENT CO.
PROGRAM MANAGER, MECHANICAL ENGI-NEERING	14			16	FULL TIME / NEGOT.	YES / LAUREL
PLASTICS/FBRGLASS LEAD PERSON	12			13	FULL TIME / NEGOT.	YES / LEWES

* Due to the time lapse between collection of this data and publication of the Digest, these applicants may have already found jobs. These mini-resumes are examples of the types of job-seekers available in Delaware. You may contact the Job Service office in your area for further information: New Castle County, 577-2767; Kent County, 739-5473; Sussex County, 856-5230.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

BY PLACE OF RESIDENCE

TABLE 1

(IN THOUSANDS)

AREA	YEAR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
		OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC
UNITED STATES**	1990	124,784.0	124,616.0	125,174.0	117,711.0	117,261.0	117,574.0	7,073.0	7,355.0	7,600.0	5.7	5.9	6.1
	1989	124,148.0	124,488.0	124,542.0	117,585.0	117,836.0	117,957.0	6,563.0	6,652.0	6,585.0	5.3	5.3	5.3
UNITED STATES***	1990	125,020.0	124,821.0	124,630.0	118,299.0	117,611.0	117,287.0	6,722.0	7,211.0	7,343.0	5.4	5.8	5.9
	1989	124,416.0	124,664.0	123,998.0	118,194.0	118,168.0	117,698.0	6,222.0	6,495.0	6,300.0	5.0	5.2	5.1
DELAWARE***	1990	364.0	363.2	364.8	343.7	339.8	342.8	20.2	23.5	22.0	5.6	6.5	6.0
	1989	362.7	364.5	361.7	349.2	353.6	350.9	13.4	10.9	10.8	3.7	3.0	3.0
WILMINGTON PMSA***	1990	314.9	314.9	315.0	298.0	294.1	296.0	17.0	20.8	19.0	5.4	6.6	6.0
	1989	315.1	316.5	316.9	302.7	306.8	307.6	12.4	9.8	9.2	3.9	3.1	2.9
SURROUNDING STATES:													
NEW JERSEY***	1990	4,068.0	4,052.0	4,034.0	3,848.0	3,843.0	3,807.0	220.0	209.0	227.0	5.4	5.2	5.6
	1989	3,962.0	4,010.0	3,998.0	3,771.0	3,822.0	3,859.0	190.0	188.0	138.0	4.8	4.7	3.5
NEW YORK***	1990	8,623.0	8,569.0	8,564.0	8,623.0	8,117.0	8,098.0	462.0	452.0	466.0	5.4	5.3	5.4
	1989	8,666.0	8,749.0	8,787.0	8,666.0	8,307.0	8,305.0	401.0	442.0	482.0	4.6	5.1	5.5
PENNSYLVANIA***	1990	5,897.0	5,911.0	5,891.0	5,550.0	5,563.0	5,567.0	346.0	347.0	324.0	5.9	5.9	5.0
	1989	5,817.0	5,901.0	5,855.0	5,560.0	5,600.0	5,567.0	257.0	301.0	288.0	4.4	5.1	4.9
MARYLAND***	1990	2,517.9	2,503.0	2,489.0	2,389.0	2,359.9	2,338.2	129.0	143.1	150.8	5.1	5.7	6.1
	1989	2,522.8	2,541.4	2,539.9	2,436.2	2,454.1	2,451.6	86.6	87.3	88.3	3.4	3.4	3.5

** PRELIMINARY* *** SEASONALLY ADJUSTED* **** NONSEASONALLY ADJUSTED*

NOTE: DATA PROVIDED IN CONJUNCTION WITH UNITED STATES DEPT. OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

DELAWARE NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY--BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2

INDUSTRY GROUP	1990 OCT	1990 NOV	1990 DEC	1989 OCT	1989 NOV	1989 DEC
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY	347.5	343.9	344.9	346.2	349.9	349.8
GOODS PRODUCING	92.9	89.3	89.1	93.1	95.2	94.1
MINING	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	20.2	19.8	19.3	21.2	20.8	20.2
GENERAL BLDG. CONT.	5.0	4.9	4.9	5.5	5.4	5.4
HEAVY CONST. CONT.	3.6	3.5	3.2	3.7	3.4	3.1
SPECIAL TRADE CONT.	11.6	11.4	11.2	12.0	12.0	11.7
MANUFACTURING	72.6	69.4	69.7	71.8	74.3	73.8
DURABLE GOODS	18.5	15.4	16.0	17.4	19.7	19.7
PRIMARY & FABRICATED METALS	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4
MACHINERY & ELECTRICAL EQUIP.	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	7.8	4.9	5.4	5.9	8.2	8.2
INSTRUMENTS & RELATED	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.2
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	2.7	2.5	2.5	3.0	3.0	3.0
NONDURABLE GOODS	54.1	54.0	53.7	54.4	54.6	54.1
FOOD & KINDRED PROD.	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.4	9.2	9.1
TEXTILE, APPAREL, LEATHER	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.6
PAPER, PRINTING, PUBLISHING	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.4	5.4	5.2
CHEMICALS	34.0	34.0	33.8	34.0	34.3	34.2
PETROLEUM, COAL, PLASTICS	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.1	4.0
SERVICE PRODUCING	254.6	254.6	255.8	252.1	254.7	255.7
TRANSPORTATION & PUB. UTILITIES	15.4	15.3	15.7	15.7	15.9	16.1
TRANSPORTATION	10.2	10.1	10.5	10.5	10.7	10.9
RAILROAD TRANSPORT.	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
LOCAL & INTERURBAN PASS.	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSING	4.9	4.8	4.8	5.0	4.9	5.1
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	2.3	2.2	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.6
COMMUNICATIONS & UTIL.	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2
COMMUNICATIONS	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
ELECTRIC, GAS & SANITARY SERV.	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	75.7	76.3	77.4	75.4	77.0	78.0
WHOLESALE TRADE	13.5	13.6	13.6	13.4	13.4	13.4
WHOLESALE-DURABLES	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.7
WHOLESALE-NONDURABLES	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.7
RETAIL TRADE	62.2	62.7	63.8	62.0	63.6	64.6
BLDG. MATERIAL & GARDEN SUP.	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
GENERAL MERCH. STORES	8.9	9.7	10.1	9.5	10.5	11.4
FOOD STORES	9.6	9.7	9.9	9.6	9.8	9.5
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE STATIONS	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.4	3.6	3.7
FURNITURE & HOME FURNISHINGS	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.8
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	19.4	18.8	18.7	18.7	18.6	18.6
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	8.6	8.8	9.0	8.6	8.9	9.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	31.9	31.9	31.8	30.7	30.7	30.9
FINANCE	22.9	22.9	22.9	21.6	21.7	21.9
DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS	20.0	20.0	20.0	18.6	18.7	18.9
OTHER FINANCE	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0
INSURANCE	5.6	5.8	5.6	5.8	5.6	5.6
REAL ESTATE	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.4
SERVICES	85.4	84.5	84.4	82.8	82.8	83.1
HOTEL & LODGING	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.1	2.9	2.9
PERSONAL SERVICES	3.1	3.0	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.0
BUSINESS SERVICES	21.1	20.6	20.4	20.1	20.0	20.3
AUTOMOBILE & MISC. REPAIR	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	3.6	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	2.8
HEALTH SERVICES	22.5	22.6	22.4	21.8	21.9	22.2
HOSPITALS	11.3	11.4	11.2	10.9	10.9	10.9
OTHER HEALTH SERV.	11.2	11.2	11.2	10.9	11.0	11.3
LEGAL SERVICES	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.8
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
SOCIAL SERVICES	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.6
ENGINEERING & MANAGEMENT	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.9	6.0	6.1
MEMBERSHIP ORGNIZATIONS	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.1	5.1	5.3
OTHER SERVICES	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.2
GOVERNMENT	46.2	46.6	46.5	47.5	48.3	47.6
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.9
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	40.4	40.8	40.7	41.7	42.5	41.7
STATE GOVERNMENT	23.5	23.4	23.3	24.2	24.5	23.6
STATE EDUCATION	9.1	9.0	9.0	10.2	10.5	9.7
STATE NON-EDUCATION	14.4	14.4	14.3	14.0	14.0	13.9
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	16.9	17.4	17.4	17.5	18.0	18.1
LOCAL EDUCATION	12.7	13.2	13.2	12.7	13.2	13.2
LOCAL NON-EDUCATION	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.8	4.8	4.9
PERSONS INVOLVED IN WORK STOPPAGES	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

WILMINGTON PMSA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY SELECTED INDUSTRY--BY PLACE OF WORK
(IN THOUSANDS)

TABLE-2A INDUSTRY GROUP	1990 OCT	1990 NOV	1990 DEC	1989 OCT	1989 NOV	1989 DEC
TOTAL NONAG. WAGE & SALARY	301.0	297.8	298.1	298.1	301.9	301.5
GOODS PRODUCING	80.8	76.7	76.7	80.2	82.9	81.6
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	18.1	17.4	17.0	19.2	19.0	18.1
GENERAL BLDG. CONT.	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.7	4.7	4.7
HEAVY CONST. CONT.	4.0	3.9	3.7	4.4	4.2	3.7
SPECIAL TRADE CONT.	9.7	9.4	9.2	10.1	10.1	9.7
MANUFACTURING	62.9	59.1	59.5	60.8	63.7	63.3
DURABLE GOODS	17.9	14.8	15.4	16.2	18.8	18.6
PRIMARY & FABRICATED METALS	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8
MACHINERY & ELECTRICAL EQUIP.	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.1
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	8.3	5.3	5.8	6.2	8.8	8.7
INSTRUMENTS & RELATED	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.8
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	44.4	44.3	44.1	44.6	44.9	44.7
FOOD & KINDRED PROD.	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
TEXTILE, APPAREL, LEATHER	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4
PAPER, PRINTING, PUBLISHING	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.0	2.8
CHEMICALS	34.9	34.9	34.7	34.9	35.2	35.1
PETROLEUM, COAL, PLASTICS	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6
SERVICE PRODUCING	220.4	220.9	221.4	215.9	219.0	219.9
TRANSPORTATION & PUB. UTILITIES	16.7	16.9	17.2	16.7	16.9	16.9
TRANSPORTATION	10.0	10.0	10.2	10.0	10.2	10.3
RAILROAD TRANSPORT.	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
LOCAL & INTERURBAN PASS.	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
TRUCKING & WAREHOUSING	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.9
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.5	2.5
COMMUNICATIONS & UTIL.	6.7	6.9	7.0	6.7	6.7	6.6
COMMUNICATIONS	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7
ELECTRIC, GAS & SANITARY SERV.	5.0	5.2	5.2	5.0	5.0	4.9
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	61.7	62.6	63.2	61.5	63.2	64.0
WHOLESALE TRADE	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.5	11.6	11.5
WHOLESALE-DURABLES	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.5	6.5
WHOLESALE-NONDURABLES	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.1	5.1	5.0
RETAIL TRADE	50.0	50.9	51.5	50.0	51.6	52.5
BLDG. MATERIAL & GARDEN SUP.	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
GENERAL MERCH. STORES	7.8	8.3	8.6	7.6	8.5	9.1
FOOD STORES	7.5	7.6	7.8	7.6	7.8	7.7
AUTO DEALERS & SERVICE STATIONS	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.9	5.9	5.9
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9
FURNITURE & HOME FURNISHINGS	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	15.5	15.3	15.0	15.2	15.2	15.2
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	7.0	7.3	7.6	7.1	7.4	7.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	28.7	28.6	28.7	27.2	27.4	27.6
FINANCE	20.9	20.9	21.0	19.4	19.6	19.8
DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS	17.9	17.9	17.9	16.3	16.5	16.6
OTHER FINANCE	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.2
INSURANCE	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3
REAL ESTATE	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5
SERVICES	76.3	75.6	75.3	73.1	73.4	73.7
HOTEL & LODGING	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5
PERSONAL SERVICES	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.4
BUSINESS SERVICES	19.4	19.2	18.9	18.1	18.1	18.4
AUTOMOBILE & MISC. REPAIR	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.5
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	3.1	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.6	2.2
HEALTH SERVICES	20.0	20.2	20.1	19.4	19.5	19.7
HOSPITALS	9.8	9.9	9.9	9.6	9.6	9.6
OTHER HEALTH SERV.	10.2	10.3	10.2	9.8	9.9	10.1
LEGAL SERVICES	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7
SOCIAL SERVICES	5.8	5.8	5.9	5.5	5.6	5.6
ENGINEERING & MANAGEMENT	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.5	5.6	5.7
MEMBERSHIP ORGNIZATIONS	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.6	4.6	4.7
OTHER SERVICES	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8
GOVERNMENT	37.0	37.2	37.0	37.4	38.1	37.7
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.8
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	32.0	32.2	32.0	32.6	33.3	32.9
STATE GOVERNMENT	14.8	14.6	14.5	15.5	15.8	15.2
STATE EDUCATION	7.8	7.4	7.4	8.6	8.8	8.2
STATE NON-EDUCATION	7.2	7.2	7.1	6.9	7.0	7.0
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	17.2	17.6	17.5	17.1	17.5	17.7
LOCAL EDUCATION	11.7	12.1	12.0	11.7	12.1	12.2
LOCAL NON-EDUCATION	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.5
PERSONS INVOLVED IN WORK STOPPAGES	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

WILMINGTON PRIMARY METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (PMSA)

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC
				1990					
MANUFACTURING	$ 607.75	$ 588.41	$ 592.63	41.4	42.7	43.1	$ 14.68	$ 13.78	$13.75
DURABLE GOODS	592.81	676.45	602.19	40.3	42.7	42.2	14.71	13.50	14.27
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	412.34	439.56	451.25	38.9	39.6	40.8	10.60	11.10	11.06
MACHINERY	505.79	672.58	557.14	39.3	49.6	41.3	12.87	13.56	13.49
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	665.85	607.68	681.38	40.7	42.2	42.8	16.36	14.40	15.92
INSTRUMENTS & RELATED	392.02	398.01	405.77	34.0	34.7	35.5	11.53	11.47	11.43
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	609.90	642.05	627.83	44.1	45.6	45.2	13.83	14.08	13.89
NONDURABLE GOODS	622.63	598.65	582.12	42.5	42.7	44.1	14.65	14.02	13.20
FOOD & KINDRED	388.83	444.98	464.86	41.9	42.5	39.8	9.28	10.47	11.68
TEXTILE & APPAREL	374.52	379.44	397.80	39.8	40.8	40.8	9.41	9.30	9.75
PAPER, PRINTING, PUBLISH.	487.51	450.86	427.06	36.3	38.8	37.2	13.43	11.62	11.48
CHEMICALS	741.76	753.54	769.12	44.1	44.3	46.0	16.82	17.01	16.72
RUBBER & PLASTICS	464.77	453.90	533.85	42.6	42.5	48.4	10.91	10.68	11.03
				1989					
MANUFACTURING	$ 651.89	$ 638.12	$ 657.92	43.2	43.0	43.6	$ 15.09	$ 14.84	$ 15.09
DURABLE GOODS	523.38	527.22	567.75	39.0	39.7	39.4	13.42	13.28	14.41
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	357.00	358.88	374.37	37.5	37.5	39.7	9.52	9.57	9.43
MACHINERY	490.18	524.02	552.34	41.4	43.2	44.4	11.84	12.13	12.44
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	637.88	588.32	651.41	40.5	39.3	39.1	15.75	14.97	16.66
INSTRUMENTS & RELATED	342.30	393.42	376.07	32.6	39.5	36.3	10.50	9.96	10.36
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	528.02	559.91	535.44	39.2	41.2	38.8	13.47	13.59	13.80
NONDURABLE GOODS	694.87	682.22	696.44	44.6	44.3	45.4	15.58	15.40	15.34
FOOD & KINDRED	314.36	320.32	320.32	43.3	44.8	43.7	7.26	7.15	7.33
TEXTILE & APPAREL	366.13	376.62	375.53	41.0	41.8	42.1	8.93	9.01	8.92
PAPER, PRINTING, PUBLISH.	429.74	419.93	437.41	40.2	39.1	39.3	10.69	10.74	11.13
CHEMICALS	759.40	747.74	759.10	45.5	45.4	46.4	16.69	16.47	16.36
RUBBER & PLASTICS	445.13	418.26	452.10	40.8	38.8	41.1	10.91	10.78	11.00

NOTE: MOST RECENT MONTH IS PRELIMINIARY DATA.

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND HOURS WORKED BY PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY GROUPS

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DELAWARE

	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC	OCT	NOV	DEC
				1990					
MANUFACTURING	$ 498.56	$ 470.50	$ 477.25	41.0	41.2	41.5	$ 12.16	$ 11.42	$11.50
DURABLE GOODS	536.45	502.25	533.75	39.3	40.8	40.9	13.65	12.31	13.05
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	396.81	421.73	446.80	37.4	38.2	40.0	10.61	11.04	11.17
MACHINERY	533.65	680.04	564.28	39.5	49.1	41.4	13.51	13.85	13.63
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	664.22	605.99	674.10	40.7	42.2	42.8	16.32	14.36	15.75
INSTRUMENTS & RELATED	363.13	353.42	367.43	39.6	39.4	40.6	9.17	8.97	9.05
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	344.93	342.67	362.18	36.5	36.3	37.3	9.45	9.44	9.71
NONDURABLE GOODS	475.86	455.67	443.50	42.0	41.5	41.8	11.33	10.98	10.61
FOOD & KINDRED	337.43	327.22	323.56	41.2	40.1	39.7	8.19	8.16	8.15
TEXTILE & APPAREL	356.59	363.08	380.38	40.8	41.4	41.8	8.74	8.77	9.10
PAPER, PRINTING, PUBLISH.	442.74	401.30	429.55	38.6	37.4	40.6	11.47	10.73	10.58
CHEMICALS	629.58	637.87	626.08	43.6	43.9	43.0	14.44	14.53	14.56
PETROLEUM & PLASTICS	461.17	464.28	517.19	43.1	43.8	48.2	10.70	10.60	10.73
				1989					
MANUFACTURING	$ 508.77	$ 509.23	$ 523.24	41.6	41.3	41.2	$ 12.23	$ 12.33	$ 12.70
DURABLE GOODS	480.39	480.15	512.44	39.8	39.1	38.5	12.07	12.28	13.31
PRIMARY & FAB. METALS	351.50	364.18	361.13	36.5	37.7	37.5	9.63	9.66	9.63
MACHINERY	514.59	545.93	568.37	41.6	43.5	44.3	12.37	12.55	12.83
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	635.85	585.96	649.45	40.5	39.3	39.1	15.70	14.91	16.61
INSTRUMENTS & RELATED	359.86	374.92	367.94	39.2	39.3	40.3	9.18	9.54	9.13
OTHER DURABLE GOODS	350.58	332.68	301.92	41.1	38.0	34.0	8.53	8.76	8.88
NONDURABLE GOODS	516.99	519.51	528.33	42.1	42.1	42.3	12.28	12.34	12.49
FOOD & KINDRED	316.01	319.18	339.77	39.9	39.6	39.6	7.92	8.06	8.58
TEXTILE & APPAREL	355.14	366.78	365.05	41.2	42.5	42.3	8.62	8.63	8.63
PAPER, PRINTING, PUBLISH.	368.83	412.38	370.39	38.3	39.5	36.1	9.63	10.44	10.26
CHEMICALS	634.66	626.97	637.92	43.8	43.6	44.3	14.49	14.38	14.40
RUBBER & PLASTICS	431.58	414.09	440.43	40.6	39.4	41.2	10.63	10.51	10.69

NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PAYMENTS
FOR REGULAR U.I. PROGRAM BY AREA/LOCAL OFFICE

TABLE 4

AREA AND OFFICE	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
	WEEKS COMPENSATED			AMT. OF PAYMENT (000')		
STATE TOTALS *	16,055	24,537	27,154	2,738,844	4,399,824	4,734,025
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	8,684	15,688	16,549	1,526,296	3,023,091	3,085,067
WILMINGTON L.O.	5,561	11,871	11,860	954,502	2,326,046	2,246,612
NEWARK L.O.	3,123	3,817	4,689	571,794	697,045	838,455
KENT COUNTY/ DOVER L.O.	2,155	2,546	2,949	341,494	388,307	452,330
SUSSEX COUNTY/ GEORGETOWN L.O.	2,391	3,399	4,073	365,108	460,607	563,746
	AVERAGE WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT			NUMBER OF U.I. FIRST PAYMENTS		
STATE TOTALS *	179	188	195	1,357	2,476	1,756
NEW CASTLE COUNTY/	183	198	192	696	1,769	897
WILMINGTON L.O.	179	201	195	423	1,424	536
NEWARK L.O.	191	191	186	273	345	361
KENT COUNTY/ DOVER L.O.	165	159	164	201	257	243
SUSSEX COUNTY/ GEORGETOWN L.O.	164	154	153	276	245	386

* INCLUDES INTERSTATE LIABLE PAYMENTS WHICH ARE NOT AGGREGATED IN THE AREA/LOCAL OFFICE TOTALS
SOURCE: DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM

DELAWARE U.I. REGULAR CONTINUED CLAIM COUNTS

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	1990			1989		
	FOR THE WEEK INCLUDING THE 12TH OF					
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
TOTAL COUNT	4,000	6,600	8,300	5,700	3,600	4,500
NUMBER OF AUTO INDUSTRY	0	2,200	2,100	2,600	200	0
TOTAL LESS AUTO INDUSTRY	4,000	4,400	6,200	3,100	3,400	4,500
	FOR THE MONTHS OF					
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
TOTAL COUNT	18,100	26,800	29,900	19,500	18,100	18,300
NUMBER OF AUTO INDUSTRY	0	5,800	4,700	6,000	3,000	1,500
TOTAL LESS AUTO INDUSTRY	18,100	21,000	25,200	12,500	15,100	16,800

NOTE: DETAIL MAY NOT ADD TO TOTALS DUE TO ROUNDING

SOURCE: DERIVED FROM WEEKLY LOCAL OFFICE REPORTS OF U.I. CLAIMS-TAKING ACTIVITIES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND PERCENT CHANGES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
PHILADELPHIA AREA

TABLE-6

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	1990 OCT	1990 NOV	1990 DEC	1989 OCT	1989 NOV	1989 DEC
ALL ITEMS (1982-84=100)	138.8	139.1	139.4	130.5	130.1	129.9
FOOD & BEVERAGES	132.5	132.5	133.6	127.0	127.4	127.7
HOUSING	141.1	141.1	141.3	132.9	131.9	132.7
APPAREL & UPKEEP	105.1	101.9	100.6	97.8	95.8	92.0
TRANSPORTATION	132.1	133.8	134.5	123.4	123.0	123.1
MEDICAL	171.5	174.3	174.6	164.1	166.1	159.8
ENTERTAINMENT	133.7	134.5	134.1	130.3	129.7	130.1
OTHER GOODS & SERVICES	178.5	178.7	179.0	158.0	159.2	158.4
	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH AND YEAR AGO					
ALL ITEMS						
MONTHLY	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.3	-0.2
YEARLY	6.4	6.9	7.3	4.7	3.8	3.4
	UNITED STATES					
ALL ITEMS						
INDEX (1982-84=100)	133.5	133.8	133.8	125.6	125.9	126.1
MO. CHANGE (%)	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.2
YR. CHANGE (%)	6.3	6.3	6.1	4.5	4.7	4.6

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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